

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 082

Public Disclosure Commission

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	23.0	4,461		4,461
Total Maintenance Level	23.0	4,608		4,608
Difference		147		147
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	3.3%		3.3%
Performance Changes				
Staff Reductions	(3.5)	(466)		(466)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(58)		(58)
State Data Center Rate Increase		64		64
Subtotal	(3.5)	(460)		(460)
Total Proposed Budget	19.5	4,148		4,148
Difference	(3.5)	(313)		(313)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(15.2)%	(7.0)%		(7.0)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Agency Administration	1.9	717		717
Enforcement of Public Disclosure Laws	2.1	752		752
Provide Public Access to Certain Campaign, Lobbying and Financial Information	15.6	2,673		2,673
Other Statewide Adjustments		6		6
Total Proposed Budget	19.5	4,148		4,148

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Staff Reductions

One technology related position will be eliminated, creating delays in workstation repairs and software problem resolution. This will affect the agency's ability to provide prompt customer service. The Assistant Director position will be eliminated which will affect policy decisions, agency rules, and the compliance advice provided to agency stakeholders. One investigator position will be eliminated and two investigator positions will be reduced to part-time. Compliance and enforcement outcomes mandated in the Public Disclosure Act will be affected by these reductions. The resolution of investigations and enforcement actions will be extended by three to six months.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Agency Administration

Agency Administration provides administrative and management support to the Public Disclosure Commission.

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Enforcement of Public Disclosure Laws

The Public Disclosure Commission monitors whether persons subject to public disclosure laws file timely reports and comply with other provisions of the law. The agency reviews approximately 70 complaints from the public annually, the vast majority relating to provisions of the campaign financing statutes. The commission initiates investigations, produces reports, and enforces the public disclosure laws, including hearing enforcement cases and imposing penalties on violators.

Provide Public Access to Certain Campaign, Lobbying and Financial Information

The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) provides full and timely public access to political finance data by maintaining a secure, comprehensive website, and developing and maintaining electronic filing alternatives for campaigns, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and personal financial affairs filers. The agency assists filers in fulfilling statutory reporting requirements by providing training, instructional manuals, help screens, and telephone and e-mail assistance. Commission staff enters, reviews, and maintains data required of campaigns, lobbyists, lobbyist employers, and others to ensure the uniformity and accuracy of the data.

Other Statewide Adjustments

This item reflects proposed compensation and other adjustments that were not allocated to individual agency activities. This agency will assign these costs to the proper activities after the budget is enacted.